

**Commonwealth Local Human Rights Committee**

3600 West Broad Street, Suite 400

Richmond, VA 23230

April 19, 2012

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

**Committee Members Present:**

Anika Allen, Vice Chairperson

Pamela Minter

Taneika Goldman

Megan Stucke

**Committee Members Absent:**

Demetrius Whitehurst

Donald Thompson

Donald Wheeler

**Human Rights Representative:**

Beverly Garnes, Human Rights Manager

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Anika Allen, Vice Chairperson, at 6:18 PM. Introductions of new committee members and human rights representative were made.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the January 19, 2012 LHRC meeting were approved. Affiliates were instructed to review the minutes for accuracy and report any discrepancies to Ms. Beverly Garnes.

**Old Business:**

- Ms. Allen noted **not** all providers had completed the Cooperative Agreements. Copies were available. Each provider was encouraged to obtain, sign, and submit Cooperative Agreement before leaving the meeting.
- Ms. Garnes also advised affiliates how important it is for each affiliate to have a representative present during LHRC meetings. Ms. Garnes also advised affiliates that if they are not in attendance or a representative is not present, a letter will be sent to the Department of Licensing.

**New Business:**

- **Serenity C&C** received approval for an additional site located at 10219 Salem Oaks Drive Richmond Virginia 23237
- **Abraham Youth and Family Services** received approval for an additional Therapeutic Day Treatment site.

- **All Care Family Services:** All Care Family Services currently provides intensive in-home counseling services to at-risk children and adolescence who demonstrate significant impairment in the home, school, and community due to behaviors related to their mental health diagnosis. They also provide Mental Health Support Services to adults and young adults who have difficulty managing independently in their environment because of mental health issues. All Care Family Services will be adding an Adult Group home Program in the area. Their request to add an adult group home was approved by the committee.
- **Lyfe Incorporated** request for affiliation was approved.
- **Election of LHRC Officers:** Duties will begin **7/1/2012**
  1. Chairman-Anika Allen
  2. Vice chairman-Taneika Goldman
  3. Secretary-Megan Stucke

#### **Affiliate Reports:**

1. Elk Hill: Reported three incidents in the schools where clients were physically restrained for safety. There were no corrective actions taken in any of the incidents stating that staff handled each situation in compliance with the Licensing and Human Rights regulations. Elk Hill had not reported incidents to Licensing Specialist or Human Rights advocate and was advised to do so.
2. Second Chance for Youth: Nothing to Report
3. Skye is the Limit Residential Services: Nothing to Report.
4. Urban Oasis: Ms. Garnes reported that Urban Oasis closed their doors on March 3, 2012.
5. Central VA Healthcare Association: Nothing to report
6. Abraham Youth and Family Services: Nothing to Report
7. Unity Family Services: Reported two (2) incidents. Two residents were taken to the hospital. One client was admitted for pneumonia and one had a diabetic emergency. Protocol was reportedly followed and incidents were reported as required.
8. Quality Healthcare: Nothing to Report
9. New Directions Community Outreach Services: Nothing to Report
10. Serenity C&C: Reported one medical emergency a client was taken to the hospital with stomach pain. Client was experiencing pain due to menstrual cycle medication was prescribed and client was discharged.
11. Guiding Light Family Services: No representative present: Absent
12. Mending Fences and Youth and Family Services: Nothing to report
13. Cornerstone Support Services: Nothing to report
14. Fig Tree Therapies: Nothing to report
15. Circle of Care for Systematic Treatment: No representative present or report submitted: Absent
16. From Within: No representative present. No report submitted: Absent
17. Richmond Justice Services: No representative present or report submitted: Absent
18. VA Supportive Services: Nothing to report
19. Va Home-Based Counseling: No Nothing to report
20. All Care Family Services: Nothing to report
21. Youth & Family Services of Virginia: Nothing to report
22. Dare To Change: No representative present: Absent

The following affiliates were not present and licensing specialist will be notified:

1. **Guiding Light Family Services:** No representative present or report submitted. Absent
2. **Circle of Care for Systematic Treatment:** No representative present or report submitted: Absent
3. **From Within:** No representative present. No report submitted: Absent
4. **Richmond Justice Services:** No representative present or report submitted: Absent
5. **Dare To Change:** No representative present or report submitted. Absent

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Ancell Hamlin reported a balance of \$1622.00. He was not present during the meeting and previous balance was unavailable.

#### **Human Rights Advocate Report:**

- Ms. Garnes announced to the affiliates that the Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services (DBHDS) will began closing Training Facilities based on a Department of Justice (DOJ) law suit.
- Ms. Garnes provided training to the providers on the revised Quarterly Report Forms and entertained questions and comments.
- Ms. Garnes recommended that providers attend training opportunities offered by Fidura and Associates
- Announced SHRC is recruiting for membership for mandated positions-Consumers

**The meeting of the Commonwealth Local Human Rights Committee was adjourned at 7:28 pm by Ms. Anika Allen, Vice Chairperson. The next meeting will be held on July 19 2012. Affiliates were reminded to submit reports no later than July 9, 2012.**